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from 1735 to 1767, minister of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania]; 1740, Edmund Waller and Mrs. Mary Pendleton, John Thornton and Mildred Gregory, [daughter of Roger G.]; 1741, Thomas Minor and Alice Thomson; 1742, Henry Willis and Elizabeth Gregory, [daughter of Roger G.], 1744, William Hunter and Martha Taliaferro, [ancestors of Robert Mercer Taliaferro Hunter], William Johnston and Betty Taylor.

PEDIGREE OF A REPRESENTATIVE VIRGINIA PLANTER.

BY THE EDITOR.

[*Virginia Pedigree of Digges.*]

IV.

Col. Edward Digges, b. about 1621, d. March 15, 1675—6, aged 55 years; m. Elizabeth (d. about 1691), supposed to be a sister⁽⁴⁹⁾ of Col. John Page. Edward entered Gray's Inn, May 19, 1637, and emigrated to Virginia about 1650. By deed dated 11th day of Sept., 1650 and confirmed by a patent dated 6th of May, 1651, he purchased from Capt. John West and Anne his wife, a plantation containing 1,250 acres in Hampton Parish, York Co., "beginning at a marked tree on a point at the mouth and westward side of a creek called West's Creek (Felgate's Creek) even or nigh York river course, east and by south 400 poles to a point on the west side of Miller's Creek, thence south-east 240 poles to Morgan's Creek, and into the main wood, south-west 340 poles, and so northwest upon the land of William Sayer over a swamp leading along to the Indian Bridge north-erly along West's Creek to the first station."⁽⁵⁰⁾ The plantation

(49) Page calls Edward Digges' wife, Elizabeth, "sister" in his will. Among the head-rights in Page's patent, 1655, are his wife, Alice, and Elizabeth and Mary Page. Elizabeth, the immigrant, may have been the sister of Page and the wife subsequently of Digges. Mary Page, the other immigrant, was probably Page's daughter and married Col. Chiles, speaker of the House of Burgesses.—See "Quarterly" for October, 1892.

(50) York Co. Records, "Deeds and Bonds," Vol. I., p. 197.

was adjacent to the site of the old Indian town of Chiskiack.⁽⁵¹⁾ Until 1787, when it was sold⁽⁵²⁾ by Wiliam Digges, Jun., it continued to preserve its ancient imits.

Edward Digges⁽⁵³⁾ was appointed to the Council Nov. 12, 1654, and he served as governor from March 30, 1656, to March 13, 1658, when he was sent to England as one of the agents of Colony. He was sworn of the Council again 19th of April, 1670.

He was a warm promoter of the silk manufacture in the Colony and employed two Armenians skilled in the business. His will was proved in the General Court 15th of June, 1675, and by it he devised the plantation on Felgate's Creek to his son, William. His tomb states that he had by his wife six sons and seven daughters, of whom only four are known :

1. Col. William Digges, eldest son and heir; J. P. in 1671; captain of horse in 1674; cut off one of Thomas Hansford's fingers in a hand-to-hand fight during Bacon's Rebellion, 1676; sheriff of York Co., in 1679; removed to Charles Co., Maryland; died in 1698. He m. Elizabeth Seawell, dau. of Henry Seawell of Patuxent, Maryland, step-daughter of the 3rd Lord Baltimore. Member of the Maryland Council with title of Colone!. Will proved in York Co., May 24, 1698, mentions children—Edward, eldest son, William, Charles, Dudley, Johu, Nicholas, Jane, Elizabeth, Ann and Mary.

2. Mary ⁽⁵⁴⁾ b. about 1655, m. Capt. Francis Page, son of Col. John Page; d. May 10, 1690.

3. Ann⁽⁵⁵⁾ m. Col. William Cole, Esq., of Bolthorpe, Warwick Co.; d. 21st of Nov., 1688.

4. Dudley Digges [see below.]

(51) Chiskiack was nearly opposite to "Shelley" in Gloucester, the site of Powhatan's chief town, Werowocomoco.

(52) "Deed Book," 1777—1781, p. 358.—York Co.

(53) For a sketch of Gov. Edward Digges, by R. A. Brock, see "Virginia and Virginians."

(54) Epitaph and Arms—"Virg. Hist. Society Pap.," Vol. XI., "The Page Family."

(55) Epitaph on tomb at Bolthorpe as follows :

[Digges Arms with crescent for difference.]

V.

COL. DUDLEY DIGGES, b. about 1665; d. Jan. 18, 1710, aged 45, ⁽⁵⁶⁾ m. Susannah Cole (b. 1674, d. 1708) of Warwick Co., dau. of Col. William Cole, member of the Council, Secretary of the Colony, by his first wife (name unknown) ⁽⁵⁷⁾ He was appointed a

"Here lyeth the Body of Ann, the
Wife of William Cole of Warwick
County, Esq., one of the Daughters of
Edward Digges, Esq. son of
Sir Dudley Digges, Master
Of the Rolls to King Charles
the First. She departed this Life
the 22d day of November, 1658,
In the 29th year of her age.
Near also this Place lyeth
the Bodys of Edward Cole
and Digges Cole, two
children of said Ann."

(56) Epitaph and Arms. "Va. Hist. Pap." XL. p. 107.

(57) Col. Wm. Cole n. (1) —, died before 1674. (2) Ann, dau. of Gov. Edward Digges. (2) Martha, dau. of Col. John Lear of Nansemond Co. By the third wife he had at least three children—Martha d. April 19, 1648, in her 8th year. John and Mary, who both died young. Col. William Cole was father doubtless of Col. Wm. Cole of Warwick, burgess in 1713. Visitor of William and Mary College in 1723, and sheriff of Warwick in 1726-27. Will. made in 1729; m. Mary, and had (1) William Cole, Jr., who had William, born June, 1744. (2) Mary married — West, then Ferdinand Leigh. (3) Jane married in succession, Nathaniel West of Sweethall, Stephen Bingham and Col. Francis West.

The tomb of Col. William Cole with his arms is at Belthorpe:

"Here lyeth the Body of William Cole
Esq., of the County of Warwick, who
departed this life the 4th day of March
1693—4, in the 56th year of his age.
There does not need this marble to proclaim
His worth nor to immortalize his name.
Firmly recorded on the book of fate,
Devouring time shall not his glories blot,
Nor can (this age) his memory be forgot.
A Vertuous and Industrious Life he led:
To all that would in Honor's footsteps tread
He was in all his stations just and greate,
And stood as firm a pillar of the State.
Of him may this be loudly sounded far,
He was unspotted on ye bench, untaynted at ye bar."

member of the Council and Auditor of the Colony. On September 21, 1699, Edward Digges, "eldest son of Capt. William Digges of Maryland," conveyed to him the land between Felgate's and Morgan's Creeks, which he described as "Edward Digges Esq^{rs} plantation" and was generally called the E. D. plantation⁽⁵⁸⁾ until the time of William Digges, jr., when it is denominated in the deeds "Bellfield."⁽⁵⁹⁾ According to his epitaph, which is in Latin, he was renowned "both for virtue and wisdom."⁽⁶⁰⁾ His will was proved in York Co. Court, Feb. 20, 1710, and gives £2,000 apiece to his sons, Edward and Dudley and his daughter, Elizabeth, and the rest of his estate to his son and heir, Cole Digges.

Issue of Dudley Digges and Susannah Cole :

1. Cole, eldest son and heir [see below.]
2. Edward. Among the tombs in the churchyard of Woodford, England is a tomb of Edward Digges, Esq., son of Hon. Dudley Digges of Virginia, died 1711.⁽⁶¹⁾
3. Dudley m. Mary Hubbard, dau. of James Hubbard and Elizabeth his wife;⁽⁶²⁾ issue; Edward, captain in the Revolu-

It has been supposed that Col. Cole was a son of Sir William Cole, Kat., who fixed his abode early in the reign of James I. in the Co. of Fermanagh, Ireland, had an assignment in 1611, of 1,000 acres of escheated land in said County. He was the first provost of Enniskillen and commanded a regiment against the rebels in 1643. He m. (1) Susannah, dau. of John Croft, Esq., of Lancaster, (2) Catherine, dau. of Sir Lawrence Parsons of Birr, 2nd baron of the Exchequer; d. 1653. But a William Cole was a burgess for Warwick in 1629.

The arms of William Cole of Va. are: Ar. a cross lozengy:—crest: out of a coronet a dexter hand.

(58) In Enquirer of 1811, Rev. Servant Jones advertised for sale "Bellfield, 1,000 acres in York Co., the only estate where the famous E. D. tobacco was raised, which never failed to bring in England one shilling, when other tobacco would not bring three pence." Gov. Tazewell used to speak of the fame of the E. D. Tobacco.

(59) "York Co. Rec. Books, Deeds and Bonds," Vol. I., p. 196.

(60) "Va. Hist. Society Papers" XI., 107.

(61) See Syson's "Environs of London."

(62) Chancery suit between Matthew Hubbard of Yorktown, James Hubbard of Gloucester, Dudley Digges and Mary his wife and Wm. Hubbard, Compts, vs Elizabeth Hubbard, Ex'r. of James Hubbard Dece'd, Catherine Hubbard spinster and George Holden and Elizabeth his wife, Defendants. Decree for an equal division of property, 1748. Will of Elizabeth Hubbard, 16 Jan., 1754.

tion and died without issue; Dudley, eldest son, died Feb. 4, 1768;⁽⁶³⁾ and Elizabeth, Maria and Susannah.⁽⁶⁴⁾ They all died without issue.⁽⁶⁵⁾ Maria was stewardess of William and Mary College in 1775. In 1729 Dudley Digges and Mary, his wife, lived in Henrico County. In 1738, and previously, he lived in York Co. In 1739, the Sheriff reported that he had left the County. In 1768, he was living in Williamsburg.

4. Elizabeth.

VI.

Col. Cole Digges, son of Col. Dudley Digges and Susannah, (Cole) his wife, b. 1692, and died in 1744, in his 52^d year; ⁽⁶⁶⁾ m. Elizabeth Power, daughter of Dr. Henry Power of York Co.⁽⁶⁷⁾

(63) "Va. Gazette."

(64) Capt. Edward Digges, Deed to his sisters—York Co. Deed Book, 1777-1791, p. 114.

(65) Deposition of Robert Saunders in 1835, regarding the bounty land of Captain Edward Digges—Land Office.

(66) Epitaph, Va. Hist. Society Pap. XI, 108.

(67) Dr. Henry Power m. Mary, dau. of Rev. Edward Foliott of Hampton Parish. [See wills of Edward Foliott and of Dr. Power, proved in 1690 and 1692 respectively.]

Rev. Edward Foliott had

1. Elizabeth m (1) Josiah Moody (d. 1677) son of Dr. Giles Moody and (2) Charles, brother of Thomas Hanstford.

II. Mary m. (1) Dr. Power ut. sup., (2) John Seal.

Dr. Henry Power and Mary (Foliott Power) had

1. Major Henry Power of James City Co., d. Dec. 20 1739; he had (1) Molly, m. Thomas Hall of Prince George Co., in 1737. (See Va. Gazette); (2) Susannah m. Lawrence Taliaferro (d. 1748,) son of Col. John Taliaferro of Snow-Creek in Spotsylvania Co., who left one daughter. (See Va. Hist. Papers, vol. XI, p. 106.) (3) Henry, 4 John.

II. John [d. 1720], had [1], Foliott, (2) Rebecca.

John Power, son of Major Henry Power, m. Alice—had (1) Edward of New Kent Co., who m. Elizabeth Ann Archer Barber, one of the two daughters of James Barber dece'd (2) John, who had Henry (3) Letitia, who probably married Ralph Graves as in a deed, Jan. 2, 1809, Ralph Graves' daughter Letitia Power is mentioned. She married John M. Gregory of James City before that time.

I have seen a copy of a very old Power pedigree, running through many generations, once the property of Cole Digges, Esq., by which it appears that Dr. Henry Power was of the family of Lord Power of Romaine in Ireland, and son of John Power, Spanish Merchant, by the dau. of Mr. Jennings of Kendall.

Sept. 16, 1728, he took the oath as Lient. and Commander-in-Chief of the counties of Elizabeth City, Warwick and York, member of the Council in 1719, and sometime President thereof. His son, Col. Edward Digges, said of him that

"He displayed his dignity in every scene.

And tempted or betrayed to nothing mean."⁽⁶⁸⁾

Issue of Cole Digges and Elizabeth Power: 1. Col. Edward,
2. William, 3. Dudley, 4. Mary, 5. Susannah.

VII. [1]

Col. Edward⁶ Digges of Bellfield, as appears from a deed between Hon. William Nelson of Yorktown, Esq. and Elizabeth, his wife, ack. in Gen Court 26 Apr., 1749, was "eldest son and heir" of Cole Digges, Esq. He m. Anne Harrison, (on Aug. 9, 1739) "daughter of the late Nathaniel Harrison of the Council" (*Va. Gazette*). She died Dec. 16, 1775, in her 56th year. Her will dated 25 May, 1772, and proved 19 Feby., 1776, mentions her sons, Cole, Edward and Thomas Digges and daus., Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Edward Digges was sworn J. P. of York County Sept. 16, 1734, commissioned Lient. Col. of horse and foot Nov. 18, 1734, sworn County Lieutenant, 19 Sept., 1748, with Dudley Digges, Jun., as Colonel. Member of the House of B. Died Mch. 22, 1769.

Issue:⁽⁶⁹⁾

I. Edward, born May 26, 1740; d. Jan. 26, 1741.

II. Edward, b. Dec. 1. 1741; d. July 4, 1743.

III. William, b. Dec. 29, 1742.

IV. Cole, b. Oct. 11, 1744; d. May 20, 1777 (while a member of the House of Delegates—*Va. Gazette*.)

V. Edward, b. Jan. 22, 1746; d. Oct. 29, 1818.

VI. Mary, b. Dec. 25. 1748; d. Feb. 7, 1814.

VII. Thomas, b. Aug. 17, 1750; d. Aug. 15, 1818.

VIII. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1752.

IX. Hannah, b. Dec. 1, 1754; d. June 10, 1756.

(68) Epitaph on tombstone.—*Va. Hist. Society Papers*, Vol. xi.

(69) Extract from a Digges Family Bible, furnished by Mr. J. M. Digges of Fauquier Co., Va.

X. Anne, b. Sept. 5, 1756 ; d. Sept. 30, 1756.

XI. Sarah, b. Dec. 17, 1757.

XII. Dudley, b. Jan. 15, 1760.

XIII. Charles.

Of these children of Edward Digges and Ann Harrison :—

William (iii), by the death of the two first Edwards shortly heired Bellfield. He became J. P., and in 1773 the sheriff of York County ; was a member of the Conventions of 1775 and 1776, from York County. Became involved by the Revolution, and, in 1787, sold Bellfield to William Waller, and moved to Newport's News, where he was the sheriff of Warwick Co. in 1797-9 and 1805-7, member of the House of Delegates from Warwick. 1790, 1791, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Col. William Digges of Denbigh, his uncle. Issue, (1) Frances, who m. William Sumner, (2) Elizabeth, m. — Faulkner, and (3) Edward. Frances Sumner left three children, one of whom married — Porter, daughter Elizabeth, m. Rev. Benjamin Riddick of Suffolk.⁽⁷⁰⁾

Edward (v), m. June 11, 1775, Elizabeth Gaskins, (dau. of Col. Thomas Gaskins,⁽⁷¹⁾ b. May 2, 1756. Edward Digges moved to Fauquier County, and his will was dated Oct. 27, 1818, proved Nov. 23, 1818 ; legatees, wife, Elizabeth, sons Thomas G., Edward, William Henry and Ludwell ; dauts Sarah Dudley, (wife of her cousin, Whiting Digges) and Portia Digges.

Full data are preserved with reference to this branch. I am indebted to the courtesy of Mr. J. M. Digges, of Fauquier county, for the following extracts from the Family Bible in his possession :

(70) Letter of Thomas E. Digges of Fauquier Co., June 1, 1876. Notes from the Land Office records furnished by W. G. Stanard.

(71) Hayden has mention of 'Col. Gaskins, but does not notice Elizabeth Digges.

1. Edward, * b. March 6, 1777.
m. Ann E. Gaskins.

*Edward Digges and Ann Eustace Gaskins married March 30, 1798.

Issue :

Ann Elizabeth,	born	1799	Died	1876
Frances Cordelia, wife of }	"	1800	"	1860
Mr. Blackwell, }	no issue			
Cole,	born	1801	"	1802
Sarah Gaskins,	"	1803	"	1884
Thomas Edward, married }	"	1805	"	1885
Sarah Beal }	no issue			
John Henry, married }	born	1806	"	1869
Elizabeth L. Gordon, }	no issue			
Mary Allett Lee	born	1807	"	1888
Chas. William married }	"	1809	"	1869
Elizabeth McClenachan }	for issue, see below			
Portia Lucelia	born	1810	"	1879
Harriett Byron,	"	1812	"	1817
Wilson Morris	"	1813	"	1838
Hester Ann Rogers,	"	1814	"	1859
Kitty Reynolds	"	1816	"	living
Harriet,	"	1817	"	1818
Joseph Stone	"	1819	"	1820
Jane Eustace	"	1820	"	1879

Chas. William Digges and Elizabeth S. McClenachan married
April 18, 1833.

Issue :

Edward Wilson	born	1834	Died	1842
James McClenachan,	"	1837		
Chas. William,	"	1839		
Thos. Henry	"	1841		
Mary McClenachan	"	1843	"	1862
Ann Elizabeth	"	1845	"	1890

James McClenachan Digges and Emily Scrymer married
Novbr. 18, 1863.

Issue :

Chas. Monro,
Edward Dudley,
Emily Arden,
Alice Virginia
Thos. Nelson,

Chas William Digges married Ida Rucker.

Issue :

Ann Elizabeth
Chas. William

Thos. Henry Digges married Elizabeth LeForge

Issue :

Ann Elizabeth,
Lloyd,
Laura,
Agnes.

2. Thomas G., b. April 9, 1779.
 3. Cole Harrison, b. March 6, 1781, d. Sept. 2, 1784, at his grandfather's (Gaskins') in Northumberland Co.
 4. Sarah Dudley, b. May 24, 1783, in Stafford Co.
 5. Portia; b. Sept. 11. 1785.
 6. Richard Henry Lee, dead at 2 years.
 7. William Henry,⁽⁷²⁾ b. June 24, 1791; d. March 29, 1832.
 8. Charles Richard; born and died.
 9. Ludwell, b. April, 14, 1796, d. Mch. 4, 1836.
- Mary (vi)*, m. George Fitzhugh of Fauquier Co., who left four children, George, Henry, Ann who married — Baylor and Mary m. Henshaw.
- Thomas (vii)*, had issue; Whiting m. Sarah Dudley Digges, dau. of his uncle Edward, Dudley, Lucy B. m. Dudley Fitzhugh.
- Sarah (xi)*, m. William Fitzhugh of Fauquier County, issue: 8 children.
- Dudley (xii)* moved to Louisa County, and married Mary Digges, dau. of Hon. Dudley Digges of the Committee of Safety. His deed to Mr. Waller of 179 acres on Felgate's creek in York Co., acknowledged 21 Jan. 1788.

VII. [2]

Col. William Digges of Denbigh, second son of Cole Digges, Esq., m. Frances, dau. of Major Anthony Robinson and Diana, his wife, of York County. The will of Major Robinson was proved 7 Feb., 1756, and of his wife Diana, 15 Feb., 1762. They mention a son Starkey, and daughters Ann, Martha Jones, and Mary, a son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Everard, clerk of York County, and grand-daughters Frances Everard, Susannah Digges and Mary Cole. Col. William Digges was Burgess, Justice of the Peace, etc., from Warwick Co. He had ⁽⁷³⁾ i. Cole. born 1754; died at his residence in Hanover in April, 1817, Richmond *Enquirer*. ii. A son, name, unknown. iii. Mary iv. Elizabeth, v. Susannah. vi. Lucy.

(72) Issue of William Henry Digges—John B., Elizabeth G., Ellen M., Elias, William H., Catherine, Sally P., and Anne C. *Proved in Fauquier court Jan. 28, 1835.*

(73) Deposition of Robert Saunders May 26, 1835; Land Office.

Of these children, Cole Digges studied at William and Mary College; was major of Cavalry during the Revolution; member of the House of Delegates, and Va. Convention of 1788; m. Mary, dau. of George Purdie and Mary Robinson, his wife (who died aged 59, Feb. 22, 1826). Will of Cole Digges was proved Aug. 27, 1817, and mentions two sons, William, and George Purdie, and four daughters; Mary, m. John Johnson, grocer of Richmond; Frances m. Lyne; Martha, and Elizabeth Margaret.⁽⁷⁴⁾

William Digges, son of Major Cole Digges, died in service during the war of 1812, at Black Rocks, Michigan. George Purdie, his brother, was also in this war as one of the "Petersburg Volunteers."⁽⁷⁵⁾ In the year 1818, he m. Malinda Richards, daughter of Major Benjamin Richards, of Fredericksburg, and the adopted daughter of her uncle, David Michie, of Albemarle. He served in the Texan war with Mexico, and was with Gen. Houston at San Jacinto. He was the patentee of making oil from cotton seed. He had two sons; William Cole, who died an old bachelor in the South, and David D. M. Digges, (died in 1878), who married Martha Price, of Green Co., and had Edward, and Dudley, now in Texas, and R. D. Digges, of Virginia, and four daughters—Lucy m. Dr. Hurt, son of Judge Hurt of Galveston, Texas; Ida m. T. W. Miller, of Roanoke City; Corinne m. John O. Pendleton, of Albemarle Co.; and Martha Price Digges, who married Mr. Richard West Moore, of Washington.

Besides the two sons mentioned, George Purdie Digges had four daughters; Lucy m. Dr. R. B. Dice; Sarah m. George Crawford Miller;⁽⁷⁶⁾ Mary Wyatt m. John C. Wood, (and had Malinda, who m. N. W. Berkeley, of Danville), and Georgella, of Charlottesville, unmarried.

MARY (*iii*), daughter of Col. William Digges, of Denbeigh, married William Hill, and had issue; (1) Harriet, died unmar-

(74) Military warrants were issued in 1838, 1846, 1849, 1853, 1856 and 1857, to heirs of Capt. Edward Digges of the Revolution, son of Dudley Digges, brother of Cole Digges, Esq. Among the heirs were the children of George Purdie Digges, Margaret F. Hogue and Martha J. Goddin. Were these two last the daughters of Cole Digges above mentioned?

(75) Howe's History of Virginia.

(76) Issue of Sarah and George C. Miller: 1. Dr. Harry Grattan, 2. Hugh D. McDowell, 3. Lizzie, m. Prof. John Blackwell, of Danville College, 4. Jennie m. Gaetano Lanza, now in Boston. 5. Lucy unmarried—MS. letters of Miss Georgella Digges.

ried; (2) Ariana, married Miles Cary, of Pear Tree Hall, Warwick, (and had Ariana, m. J. F. Kuper, and Catherine, m. James Powers, both of Richmond); (3) Henry, married ——— Francisco; (4) Frances, m. Bassett Calvert.

ELIZABETH (*iv*) married William Digges, of Newport News, son of Edward Digges, of Bellfield, and has descendants (*ante*) of the names of Porter, Sumner, Riddick, Allen, etc.

VII. [3]

Dudley Digges, 3rd son of Cole Digges, was appointed Colonel of horse and foot 19 Sept., 1748. In 1749, he was receiver of Military fines for York, subsequently member of the Council, lawyer by profession, and died, aged 61, June 3, 1790 (Calendar of State papers).⁽⁷⁷⁾ He m. Martha Armistead, and had i. Cole, ii. Patsey; mar. (2) Elizabeth, dau. of Ralph Wormeley, of Rosegill and had iii. Elizabeth, iv. Mary, v. Dudley, vi. Lucy, vii. Judith. Of these *Cole Digges (i)*, b. Dec. 31, 1748, had by his wife, Martha Walker, sister of Col. William Walker, (who commanded a regiment at the battle of Hampton in June, 1813), three daughters: Martha, who married John Goodall and had

(77) The following obituary appeared in a paper, but paper and date are both unknown.

"On Monday, the 3rd Instant departed this life at Yorktown, Dudley Digges, in the sixty-second year of his age. The solicitude with which those who knew him well enquired into the different stages of his final disorder, the pleasure which they expressed at the transient prospect which once presented itself of his return to their society, and the regret which they now feel, are the testimonials of the esteem in which he was held. They have long been witnesses of his unfeigned piety, his conjugal and parental affection, his attentive humanity as a master, and his genuine philanthropy.

Nor need his friends be backward in the recital of his public services. For many years before the war he acted with fidelity and honor as a magistrate and representative of York County. At the Revolution he was elected second member of the Council, in which department he continued several years with the full approbation of his country. When he quitted the enlarged sphere of public action, he was not forgetful of his duty as a citizen, but has almost constantly filled some office in his County. By the commemoration of those who are gone, it is designed to excite others to an emulation of their example, and truly may that man enjoy the rich hope of eternal happiness who acts like him whose loss we now deplore."

Cincinnati; Betsy m. Roscow Cole; Lucy Armistead m. Major William Lightfoot, of James City Co.⁽⁷⁸⁾

Patsey (ii), born Aug. 10, 1757; m. in 1780 Captain Nathaniel Burwell, of the Artillery (*Virginia Gazette*); died at her residence "Rustic Lodge" in Botetourt County, on November 3, 1848.

Issue: Nathaniel, Thomas, Patsey, and —, who married Col. Harvey of Botetourt.

Elizabeth (iii), b. May 17, 1761, m. Dr. Robert Nicholson, of Yorktown.

Mary (iv), b. March 3, m. Dudley Digges, of Louisa, son of Col. Edward Digges of Bellfield.

Dulley (v), b. April 6, 1765, m. Alice, dau. of Gov. John Page and widow of Dr. Augustine Smith. Their only daughter, Elizabeth, m. Hugh N. Pendleton.

Lucy (vi), b. Oct. 13, 1771, m. John Stratton, of the Eastern Shore, had two daughters, who married two Parkers. One of the daus. was the late Mrs. Ann G. Parker.

Judith Wormeley, (vii) b. Sept. 5, 1777., m. Andrew Nicholson, and was buried in Richmond, 1849. Her daughter married Rev. George Woodbridge, lately deceased in Richmond, leaving issue.

(78) Deposition of Robert Saunders May 26, 1835. (Land Office.)

Judge R. L. Henley writes:

"Major William Lightfoot married Lucy Armistead Digges; died while a member of the General Assembly of Virginia in 1808; nearly all of his property was sold after his death, to pay security debts. His daughter, Catharine Norvell Lightfoot, was adopted by her great uncle, Hon. William Norvell, a member of the constitutional Convention of 1776. He devised to her his property. She married in 1812 an officer in the U. S. Army, Richardson Henley, who afterwards became for many years a member of the General Assembly of Virginia. Their eldest son, William L. Henley, was employed by President Tyler in locating forts, etc.; married Susan Bright, and died at Porto Bello, in York County. Their youngest son, Judge R. L. Henley, made his first speech at Windsor Shades in advocacy of the nomination of John Tyler for the Constitutional Convention of 1861; entered the Confederate Army, was three times wounded, and became a Major. After the war, was three times County Judge, and once Circuit Judge. Is now a member of the law firm of Henley & Hubbard. Married Ida D. Spencer. Has a family of eight children, and is now living in Williamsburg, Va."

VI. [4]

Mary, b. 1717, d. 1744, m. Nathaniel Harrison, of Brandon.⁽⁷⁹⁾

VII. [5]

Susannah m. Benjamin Harrison, of "Wakefield," Surry Co.⁽⁸⁰⁾ Dr. James B. McCaw writes that "from Family Bible (1738) of Benjamin Harrison, of Wakefield, Surry Co:—

Benjamin Harrison, of Wakefield, married, Aug. 23, 1739, Susannah, daughter of Hon. Cole Digges, Esq., President of his Majesty's Council.

Nathaniel Harrison, his brother, of Brandon, on the same night married Mary, sister of Susannah Digges.

Ludwell Harrison, daughter of Benjamin Harrison and Susannah, born Dec^r 31, 1754. Married 16 Jan'y, 1773, William Goosley, of York, son of Ephraim Goosley, General Agent and Manager of the Virginia fleet, trading between York river, the West Indies, Bermuda and Liverpool and London. (Ephraim Goosley's wife was one of the Misses Cary of historic renown.)

Frances Goosley, daughter of William Goosley and Ludwell Harrison, born the 29th of Dec^r, 1783. Married, 1800, James Brown, Jr., 2^d Auditor of Virginia for forty years.

Anne Ludwell Brown, daughter of James Brown, Jr., and Frances Goosley, married Oct. 1, 1822, Dr. Wm. R. McCaw, and had nine children; oldest child, Dr. James B. McCaw, now living.⁽⁸¹⁾

(79) At Denbeigh Church is the following inscription, on a large tombstone there:

"Mary Harrison, daughter of the Hon. Cole Digges, of his Majesty's Council, wife of Nathaniel Harrison, of Prince George County, died November 12th, 1734, in her 27th year. She so discharged the several duties of a wife, mother, daughter and neighbor that her relatives and acquaintances might justly esteem their loss insupportable, was it not chastened with the remembrance that every virtue which adds weight to their loss, augments her reward."

(80) "Married, August 25, 1739, Major Benjamin Harrison, son of Nathaniel Harrison of the Council, and Susannah, daughter of Cole Digges of the Council."—Virginia Gazette.

(81) "The above, taken from the Family Bible, is my branch of the Digges family to date."—James B. McCaw.

"At a Council held at the Capitol June ye 12th 1729, Cole Digges, Esqr. on his Petition hath liberty Granted him to Survey and have a Patent for Eighty foot Square of the Beach below the bank at York Town, adjoining to the place where his Warehouse now Stands for his convenience in Building a commodious Warehouse thereon with leave to extend a Warf of the same Breath into the River for the more Convenient Landing Merchantdizes, Provided the same do not obstruct or encroach on the publick Landings or Streets leading to the River.

WIL. ROBERTSON, Cls. Con."

"I do hereby certify that a Telescope belonging to Dudley Digges, Esqr which was left in my Care, was delivered to Majr Washington, aid to the Marquis de la Fayette, sometime in June, 1781, and that the said Telescope has not since been returned.

J^S MADISON."

[*George Purdie Digges to his Son,*]

Near Washington. Texas, June 15th 1836.

My dear Son,

I have been engaged in fight with the Mexicans almost ever since I wrote to you last.

I am now about marching against the Hostiles, and, after we whip them, I shall take possession of my 5,000 acres of land which I am now entitled to; and the quantity I shall be entitled to for my services I will give you provided you like Texas, when you see the perfect Paradise of a country.

I will write you immediately upon going home to business. I wish you could come here with Mr A. B. Breedlove, who I have written to also by the bearer of this letter. I am without anything but land and stock, but I do not fear making what I want. Please remember me respectfully to Capt. E. Allen and tell him I am going ahead here in the most beautiful field of operation ever before beheld.

I am my dear son,

Your Friend and affectionate father,

To William C. Digges, Esq.

GEORGE P. DIGGES.

Care of Mr. Briscoe,

New Orleans, Louisiana, U. S. A.

William Cole, born 1599, came to Va. in 1618, Burgess for Nutmeg Quarter, Warwick Co., in 1629. Frances Cole, born in 1589, came to Virginia in 1616. (Hotten). It has been supposed that the above named Cole was father of William Cole, Esq.; but see note 38, to which note the following may be added as confirmatory: "Died, John Crofts, Merchant of London, July 23, 1709."—*New Pocosin Parish Register*. This Parish adjoined Denbigh Parish where Cole lived. James Burtell of Elizabeth City Co. left his property in 1716 to Edward, John, Childermas, and Abraham, sons of Madam Katharine Croft. Has brothers Edward and John Burtell and makes Cole Digges, sole executor.

About 1851, it was learned in Virginia that the English heirs of Sir Dudley Digges were extinct, and the effort was made by the descendants of Gov. Edward Digges residing in Virginia to obtain possession of Chilham Castle and its estates. The Maryland Digges, descendants

of Col. William Digges, Gov. Edward Digges' eldest son, have, however, the prior title under the law of entail.

In Mathews Co. have lived for many years numerous representatives of the Digges name who are not placed within the above pedigree. They may be descendants of the unknown sons of Gov. Edward Digges. He had six and only two are known. Or they may be offshoots from the Maryland Digges, or the name may be a corruption of Degge or Degges. Dudley Degge or Degges was an old family name in the Degge family. I find in the records Degge sometimes written Diggs.

The father of Judge J. Singleton Diggs, of Lynchburg, was Rev Thos. Diggs (he spelled without the "e") of the Va. Conference, and was born in Mathews Co., Virginia. His parents were John and Polly Diggs. One Cole Diggs was uncle of Rev. Thos. Diggs.

Isaac Diggs, Esq., of West Point, writes that his grandfather came from New Kent County and had a brother named Thomas Diggs, who lived near Barhamsville in that county. The newspapers announced the marriage in 1837, at "Liberty Hall," King and Queen Co., of Frances A. Diggs, eldest daughter of Dudley Diggs, deceased, to Robert Munick of King William. Was Isaac Diggs of this family?

John Digges was a member of the Amherst Committee of Safety in 1774—75.

John Digges in 1787, and William H. Digges in 1798, were appointed Justices of Amherst.

Capt. John Digges was living in Northumberland in 1781.